GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:900
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2000
AIR/DD PROGRAMMES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Radio and Doordarshan are equipped to project and telecast programmes about India in the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details of countries where the above programmes are being seen;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken to expand AIR and Doordarshan in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Details of Countries covered by All India Radio and Doordarshan are at Annexure-I & II respectively.

(d) AIR has undertaken replacement of transmitters of AIR, Delhi (Replacement of 3 Nos. 100 KW SW Transmitter (each) by 250 KW SW transmitters), AIR, Aligarh (Replacement of existing 2 Nos. 250 KW SW Transmitters by 2 Nos. 250 KW SW Transmitters) and AIR, Rajkot (Replacement of existing 1000 KW MW Transmitter by a new 1000 KW MW Transmitters) for the External Services during Ninth Five Year Plan. In so far as Doordarshan is concerned, steps are being taken to increase the viewership in the countries already covered by International Channel of Doordarshan by way of arrangements for its local distribution.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I to part (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 900 dated 28.07.2000 regarding AIR/DD programmes in foreign countries asked by Shri Ajay Singh Chautala.

Countries to which AIR`s External Services are directed

1. Asia

1.1 Neighbouring countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tibet (China)

1.2 South-East Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Phillipines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

1.3 North-East Asia: China, Democratic Republic of Korea, Japan, Republic of Korea

1.4 West Asia: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

2. Europe

2.1 U.K. & West Europe: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Mediterranean Islands, Netherlads, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia

2.2 Former Soviet Union Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia Lithusnia, Moldavia, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

3. Africa

3.1 West & North-West Africa: Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Negeria, Niger, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia

3.2 East Africa: Angola, Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Scychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzani, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

4. Australia & New Zealand

Australia, New Zealand

Annexure-II

Annexure-II to part (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 900 dated 28.07.2000 regarding AIR/DD programmes in foreign countries asked by Shri Ajay Singh Chautala.

Countries Reached by International Channel of Doordarshan.

Asia

Afganistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China (partly), Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Maldives, Malaysis, Mangolia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Japan, Nepal, Pakistan, Phillipines, Singaporre, Sri Lanka, Sumatra (partly), Thailand, Vietnam.

CIS Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakstan, Kyrgystan, Tajakistan, Turkmenia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan,

Middle East

Bahrain, Brunei, Iran, Iraq, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yeman.

Africa Algeria, Egyt, Ethiopia, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda.

Europe

Austria, Cyprus, France, Finland, Greece, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Norway, Poland, United Kingdom.

Australia

America

Canada, United States of America

South Africa